

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BANGUI 00542 161434Z

50

ACTION AF-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-09 ISO-00 IO-10 OMB-01 AID-05 EB-07

CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01

SP-02 PM-03 OPR-02 SCCT-01 SY-05 /079 W

----- 037202

R 161110Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5679

INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY NIAMEYS

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BANGUI 0542

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, CD, CT

SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO CHADIAN COUP D'ETAT

REF: N'DJAMENA 0869

1. CAR REACTIONS TO APRIL 13 COUP IN N'DJAMENA HAVE BEEN CURIOUS. NO WORD CONCERNING IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED ON LOCAL RADIO OR TV. YET, THANKS TO RADIO FRANCE INTERNATIONAL AND RADIO CHAD MOST CENTRAL AFRICANS IN BANGUI ARE WELL AWARE OF REGENTS NORTH OF THE BORDER, AND ARE FOLLOWING THEM WITH INTENSE INTEREST. THIS INTEREST RANGES FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO HOUSEBOYS.

2. OVER LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS GOCUR HAS INCREASED POLICE PATROLS AT MAIN INTERSECTIONS AND IN AFRICAN AREAS OF BANGUI AS WELL AS AUGMENTED GUARD OUTSIDE HOUSE OF INTERIOR MINISTER ALAZOULA AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GON, OBSTENSIBLY AS PRECAUTION SUGGESTED BY CHADIAN COUP.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BANGUI 00542 161434Z

IN BOKASSA'S ABSENCE DISSENSION IN HIGH GOVERNMENT CIRCLES

AS INCREASED AND BOTH ALAZOULA AND ON ARE AS USUAL AT ITS CENTER WHICH COULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO ADDED PRECAUTIONS.

3. AT TIME OF COUP, BOKASSA WAS REPORTEDLY YACHTING IN THE ADRIATIC WITH HIS NEW ROMANIAN WIFE WHILE PM DOMITIEN, ACCOMPANIED BY JUSTICE AND LABOR MINISTER N'GAI-BOUETO AND COMMERCE MINISTER LAMINE, HAD GONE TO TAIPEI TO REPRESENT CAR IN FUNERAL CEREMONIES FOR FORMER PRESIDENT CHIUNG. THIS LEAVES MINISTER OF TOURISM ANGE PATASSE AS ACTING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT AND HE IS CURRENTLY IN N'DELE WITH A VISITING SOVIET DELEGATION.

4. QUESTION EVERYONE IS ASKING IS WILL BOKASSA RETURN QUICKLY TO BANGUI IN LIGHT OF COUP IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. SINCE HE SELDOM ANNOUNCES HIS RETURN AHEAD OF TIME, AND NO ONE AVAILABLE TO US HAVE MORE THAN RUMORS AS TO HOW LONG HE PLANS TO BE AWAY, BOKASSA'S PLANS REMAIN UNKNOWN. LIKE BANGUI RADIO AND TV, BEHAVIOR OF TOP THREE RANKING VOCAR OFFICIALS APPEARS TO IGNORE COUP IN CHAD, BUT ALAZOULA AND GON WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH SECURITY MATTERS APPEAR MORE AWARE OF ITS POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS.

DALE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, SECURITY, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS, RADIO BROADCASTING
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BANGUI00542
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750132-0904
From: BANGUI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750443/aaaabobg.tel
Line Count: 83
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 N'DJAMENA 0869
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20 MAY 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <21 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REACTIONS TO CHADIAN COUP D'ETAT
TAGS: PINT, CD, CT
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006